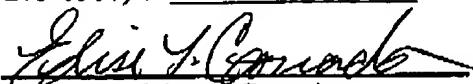


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AMENDMENT A

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby submits this Amendment A responsive to the Non-final Office Action—Date Mailed: May 31, 2005, Paper No. 05102005, for which a response is due August 31, 2005 by a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire three [3] months from the mailing date of the Office Action.

Claims 1-45 were pending in the application. Claims 1-45 are rejected. Claims 1, 3, 5, 13, 17, 21, 37, 40 and 41 are hereby amended. Claims 2, 4, 22, 24-36, 38 and 39 are hereby canceled without prejudice. Claims 6-12, 14-16, 18-20, 23 and 42-45 are original. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

This response is accompanied by the appropriate Fee Transmittal authorizing the Director to charge any additional fees and credit any overpayments during the pendency of this application to Sitrick & Sitrick's Deposit Account Number: 501166. A fee for three [3] months extension of time is hereby due and paid via said Fee Transmittal.